

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition comprising:
40 to 99 parts by mass of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymeric rubber (A1), and
1 to 60 parts by mass of a thermoplastic α -olefin resin (B) comprising ~~[[a]]~~ an α -olefinic crystalline thermoplastic resin (B1) and/or ~~[[a]]~~ an α -olefinic amorphous thermoplastic resin (B2), provided that a total amount of (A1) and (B) is 100 parts by mass;
and

wherein, with respect to 100 parts by mass of a mixture of (A1) and (B), are incorporated in the mixture:

0.1 to 10 parts by mass of an unmodified ~~organopolysiloxane~~ organopolysiloxane (C) having a viscosity of less than 100,000 cSt at 25°C prescribed by JIS K2283,

0.1 to 10 parts by mass of a ~~vinyl-terminated~~ vinyl-terminated organopolysiloxane (D),
and

0 to 400 parts by mass of a mineral oil softener (E1)

and not containing a hydrosilylation catalyst.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 11, wherein at least the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymeric rubber (A1) and the thermoplastic α -olefin resin (B) are subjected to a dynamic heat treatment under the presence of a crosslinking agent.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 11, wherein the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymeric rubber (A1) has a limiting viscosity $[\eta]$ of 3.5 to 6.8 dl/g when it is measured at 135°C in a decalin solvent.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition comprising:
40 to 99 parts by mass of an extended rubber (X) comprising 20 to 80% by mass of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymeric rubber (A2) and 20 to 80% by mass of a mineral oil softener (E2), where (A2) + (E2) = 100% by mass, and

1 to 60 parts by mass of a thermoplastic α -olefin resin (B) comprising $[[a]]$ an α -olefinic crystalline thermoplastic resin (B1) and/or $[[a]]$ an α -olefinic amorphous thermoplastic resin (B2),

wherein, with respect to 100 parts by mass of a mixture of (X) and (B), are incorporated in the mixture:

0.1 to 10 parts by mass of an unmodified organopolysiloxane (C) having a viscosity of less than 100,000 cSt at 25°C prescribed by JIS K2283,

0.1 to 10 parts by mass of a ~~vinyl-terminated~~ vinyl-terminated organopolysiloxane (D),
and

0 to $[[400]]$ 300 parts by mass of a mineral oil softener (E1)
and not containing a hydrosilylation catalyst.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 14, wherein at least the extended rubber (X) and the thermoplastic α -olefin resin (B) are subjected to a dynamic heat treatment under the presence of a crosslinking agent.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 14, wherein the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymeric rubber $[(A1)]$ (A2) has a limiting viscosity $[\eta]$ of 3.5 to 6.8 dl/g when it is measured at 135°C in a decalin solvent.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~vinyl-terminated~~ vinyl-terminated organopolysiloxane (D) is an organopolysiloxane having a polymerization degree of 500 to 10,000 and represented by the following average composition formula (1):



where R represents a substituted or unsubstituted ~~mono-valent~~ monovalent organic group, 0.02 to 10 mol% of R is a vinyl group, and a is a number within the range from 1.900 to 2.004.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 14, wherein the ~~vinyl-terminated~~ vinyl-terminated organopolysiloxane (D) is an organopolysiloxane having a polymerization degree of 500 to 10,000 and represented by the following average composition formula (1):



where R represents a substituted or unsubstituted ~~mono-valent~~ monovalent organic group, 0.02 to 10 mol% of R is a vinyl group, and a is a number within the range from 1.900 to 2.004.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A molded article produced by subjecting a thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 11 to injection molding.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A molded article produced by subjecting a thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 14 to injection molding.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A weather strip produced by subjecting a thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 11 to injection molding.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A weather strip produced by subjecting a thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 14 to injection molding.